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## LET'S ONLY COFFIN OUT

Door to the Public Service Opens But One Way.

## INCOMPETENTS KEPT

Classification Reform Demanded in Congress--Several Bills Amended.

Washington, March 13.—The house at once began the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill on meeting today. The bill carries an appropriation of \$29,134,000.

In explaining the bill, Littauer of New York said it provided salaries for 14,406 public servants, embracing the entire service. He at once proceeded with an elaborate critical explanation of the increasing power of the government bureau chiefs and the helpless condition of congress in controlling the expenditures of appropriations.

**Classification Necessary.**  
Classification of the salaries of government clerks was, he said, a crying necessity. Men doing exactly the same work now receive, some \$1,800, some \$1,600, some \$1,400 and others \$1,000. All this tended to demoralize the service. He suggested a commission to go into the question. If business methods were applied, Littauer maintained, it could be conducted for half the money it now costs and with three-fourths the number of clerks. The door of entrance to this service was wide, but once in, it opened only wide enough to let the coffin out. It was a life tenure.

**Power Not Used.**  
Grosvenor asked if there was no power to get rid of an incompetent clerk.  
"There is, but it's not lived up to," answered Littauer, who continued by declaring the government should not be made a charitable institution and its service a home for the aged and infirm.

**Proceedings of Senate.**  
When the senate convened Scott presented an amendment to the railroad rate bill requiring railroads to make connection with intersecting lines, with proper facilities for the transfer of business and exchange of cars.

**Money for Investigation.**  
The house committee on interstate commerce today decided to make a favorable report on the Townsend joint resolution providing for an appropriation of \$50,000 to enable the interstate commerce commission to investigate railroads and monopolies under the Tillman-Gillespie joint resolution. The Townsend resolution also corrects other defects pointed out by the president.

**Government Powder Plant.**  
The senate committee on appropriations has added an amendment to the fortifications appropriation bill providing for a government powder factory.

**Publishers Busy.**  
The third of a series of conferences in which practically every branch of the publishing interests of the country is represented began at the library of congress today for the purpose of completing for the action of congress the codification of and amendments to the copyright laws.

**Relief for Naval Militia.**  
Washington, March 13.—The house committee on naval affairs decided today to make a favorable report on the Foss bill for the establishment of naval militia by various states. It extends the provisions of the Dick army militia act to the naval militia.

**See If Prohibition Will Prohibit.**  
The senate committee on privileges today instructed a subcommittee to examine several bills before the senate to prohibit national banks from contributing money for campaign purposes and report whether, in their opinion, any of these measures, if enacted into law, would prevent such evils in future.

**To Raise Pensions.**  
The senate committee on pensions yesterday voted to raise the pensions of Mexican war veterans from \$12 to \$20 per month, and that favorable report be made on Senator Gallinger's bill for that purpose.

**Caucus Postponed.**  
Washington, March 13.—On account of the reception here tomorrow night to Gov. Pennypacker, the republican statehood caucus has been postponed until Thursday.

## STEAMER FOUNDERS; SEVEN DROWNED

London, March 13.—The British steamer Colne foundered off the Dutch coast today and 12 of her crew were drowned and seven saved.

## AIDED BY INDIANS

Full Blooded Braves Go to Assistance of Outlaw Wickliffe Brothers.

## BATTLE PROBABLY FOUGHT

Returned Marshal Gives Details of Sunday's Fight When Officer Was Killed.

Vinita, I. T., March 13.—One hundred armed men have gone into the Cherokee country in pursuit of the Wickliffe band of Indian outlaws, who on Sunday afternoon, 317 miles south-east of Vinita, ambushed a United States marshal and a posse of six men, killing one and wounding another. The dead man is Deputy Sheriff L. L. Gilstrap, the wounded man Dick Terry, possesman, shot through the body, not fatally.

According to a report received here, full-blood Indians are going to the support of the Wickliffe who are Cherokee Indians. The ambush laid by the Wickliffe for the six deputies Sunday night was cleverly planned. The officers were led into it unsuspectingly and were fired upon without warning. The deputies fought desperately and for a time escape for any of them seemed impossible.

**Describes Battle.**  
Bob Thompson arrived here at 11 p. m. from the scene of the fight with the body of Deputy Gilstrap. Thompson says the posse, after trailing the Wickliffe all day with bloodhounds, came upon them Sunday afternoon. The Indians, 11 in number, took refuge in a ravine and opened fire. The deputies threw themselves upon the ground and a hot fight began, which lasted an hour. Deputy Gilstrap was shot through the head at the first exchange of shots. The deputies were driven gradually back to the head of the ravine, where they formed a breastwork, and the Indians, despairing of reaching them, withdrew.

## LOUIS DE LANGE, THE PLAYWRIGHT, DEAD

Author of Popular Productions Takes Own Life by Cutting Throat.

New York, March 13.—Louis DeLange, the playwright, committed suicide here today by cutting his throat. DeLange collaborated in a production of "Pousse Cafe," and was the author of "The Globe Trotter," "Little Host," and "Sweet Annie Page."

## SAYS HEARST WAS NOT SINCERE IN CONTEST

Attorney General Mayer Tells New York Assembly Ballot Boxes Can Be Opened.

Albany, March 13.—Attorney General Mayer informed the assembly last night that William R. Hearst had neglected the most obvious method of obtaining a recount of the ballots cast in the city election. To show that Mr. Hearst was not sincere in seeking a recount, and that he was attempting to pose as a martyr for political purposes, the assembly a week ago passed a resolution calling upon the attorney general for information as to what Mr. Hearst had done. In his reply to the resolution, Mr. Mayer said:

"Neither Mr. Hearst nor any other candidate upon the municipal ownership ticket has made any complaint to the attorney general."

Mr. Mayer explained that there was a method of having the ballot boxes opened if Mr. Hearst had been sincere.

## JUMPS FROM A STEAMER

R. S. Van Duze Commits Suicide at Grand Haven, Mich.

Grand Haven, Mich., March 13.—R. S. Van Duze, traveling salesman for a Milwaukee liquor house, threw himself from the deck of the steamer Natic last night as the steamer was leaving the harbor. He leaves a widow and three children in Menominee. The body was not recovered.

## DOWIE'S WIFE GOES

Reported Spouse of Head of Zion Church Has Joined Common People.

Chicago, March 13.—John Alexander Dowie, head of Zion church, and wife, have parted, according to a story printed in The Daily News. It is declared Mrs. Dowie has thrown in her lot with the ordinary followers of Zion. It is claimed Mrs. Dowie has said to her friends she has been deceived as to the real conditions in the church and believed that millions of money were available when there were no such conditions existing.

## WAS SEVERE ON BROKERS

Bought Chicago Traction Stock on Early Reports.

## WERE PROVED IN ERROR

Prices Decline Later--City Has Practically Complete Control of Streets.

Chicago, March 13.—The price of Chicago Union Traction common broke on the stock exchange today from 10 to 7½. Heavy losses were sustained by a number of local brokers who acted on the first information given out regarding the decision of the supreme court yesterday.

**Early Reports Wrong.**  
It was generally construed as being favorable to the street car companies and against the city, and the first brokers who received the information proceeded to buy stocks. The mistake was not realized until the market had closed. There was very little doing in stock today. The first step expected in the street car matter is a petition for a rehearing by the traction companies.

**Has Complete Control.**  
Chicago, March 13.—The effect of yesterday's decision in the United States supreme court in the Chicago street railway case is to give the city almost complete control of the local traction situation. The ordinances of the city limiting the use of streets by companies are upheld and the rights of the companies in the streets are held to expire according to the expressed terms of ordinances. It also denies that the companies have the exclusive right to the streets for 99 years.

According to Mayor Dunne's interpretation of the decision, there are no 99-year franchises in Chicago and no indefinite or perpetual grants in oulying territory.

**Remain by Suffrage.**  
The decision leaves the Union Traction company in the west division without rights except where ordinances contain a purchase clause; leaves the same company without any rights whatever other than by suffrage in the streets of the north division; leaves the Chicago City railway, which operates on the south side, without right excepting by ordinances which contain a purchase clause.

The original ordinances granted rights to the companies for 99 years inside the limits as they existed in 1865. The companies which extended their tracks to the west boundaries of the city have been enlarged and claimed the 99-year act went on these extensions. The court holds that the 99-year act extended only to the charter life of the companies without extending their ordinances.

**Report Is Sweeping.**  
Chicago, March 13.—The report of James Dalrymple, manager of the street car companies of Glasgow, Scotland, which are operated under the direction of the municipality, criticizes Chicago's service and equipment, declaring the latter should be relegated to the scrap pile.

The report alludes to the litigation in progress between the city and the companies, which was settled yesterday by the decision of the United States supreme court, and says:

**Applies to Other Cities.**  
"Presuming you are able at a satisfactory figure to purchase the present franchises, there would undoubtedly be very grave danger in your city attempting to operate what would be the largest street railway undertaking in the world, without making a very radical change in the method usually employed in carrying on municipal work by cities of the United States."

The writer suggests that efforts be made to come to terms with the companies now operating lines in the city, and suggests that if that is not possible, the only thing to do is to start a new line as soon as the franchise under which the companies are now operating expires.

**Not Ready to Begin.**  
The report concludes: "I should be very sorry indeed if you were forced to take such a step as starting new lines when the franchises of the present companies expire, because, speaking generally, I should say from my knowledge and experience of what it means to operate a municipal street railway system that municipalities of the United States are not yet quite ready to successfully undertake this work."

Dalrymple strongly recommends the overhead trolley for motive power, saying that to "install the underground trolley in any extent would for various reasons be a scandalous waste of money."

## MUST GIVE NOTICE EXPPELLING

Long Step Toward Justice for Russian Political Prisoners Taken.

## IMMEDIATE TRIAL ORDERED

Over 70,000 Arrested Since Prohibitionary Movement Began--Anti-Jewish Proclamation.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—The government has sent a circular to the governor generals instructing them that persons taken in custody for political offenses must within 24 hours of their arrest be confronted with charges and allowed to make explanations. The circular also generally insists on expedition in trials of political prisoners.

**Tremendous Protest Made.**  
This step on the part of the government is the result of a tremendous outcry raised against arbitrary action of local authorities in arresting suspects and holding them without trial or expelling them by administrative order. Over 70,000 persons have been arrested in European Russia since the government entered on its active campaign against the revolutionists.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME SUES PAPERS

Asks \$100,000 Each from the Journal and the American for Libel.

New York, March 13.—District Attorney Jerome has brought two libel suits for \$100,000 each, one against the New York American and the other against the New York Evening Journal. Suits were filed in the supreme court and the complaint says they were on editorials which appeared in the papers named March 8. The editorial in the Journal dealt with contributions which, it is alleged, had been made to Jerome's campaign fund during his recent contest for reelection as district attorney of New York county. The editorial in the American was a criticism of Jerome's alleged attitude in the case of a man named Tillmingsh who confessed to the jury irregularities in the interest, he claimed, of the local street railway company. Tillmingsh is now serving a sentence on the strength of his confession.

## AVOID TELEGRAPH STRIKE

Operators and Stenographers of Southern Railway Voted for Scale.

Washington, March 13.—A committee of five representing the telegraph operators and stenographers of the southern railway last night agreed to accept the wage scale of that road. The scale does not contemplate a minimum or maximum wage but has been adjusted with a view of fitting each individual case.

## FAVORS A LOCK CANAL

Lindon W. Bates Says Sea Level Canal Would Cost Too Much.

Washington, March 13.—The testimony of Lindon W. Bates, civil engineer and contractor, was concluded before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals yesterday. He said the idea of a canal to be built was a lock canal with several more locks than originally planned; that a sea level canal meant a world of cost and would be almost impossible to keep dredged.

## EPITOME OF DOINGS IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Following is a brief resume taken from the official records of yesterday's proceedings in both houses of congress:

**SENATE.**—Acrimonious debate over the president's recent message scoring the resolution for an industry measure. The early part of the session, Senator Tillman who framed the resolution, bitterly condemned the president's attitude. Senators who called upon Senator Culberson spoke on the subject of a bill which he has introduced to take the place of the house measure. Several bills of local importance were passed and at 5:35 p. m. the senate adjourned until today.

**HOUSE.**—The statehood bill was returned to the house from the senate and was laid on the speaker's table without comment. District of Columbia legislation was taken up. An effort to bring up the naturalization bill failed because of lack of a quorum. At 4:30 o'clock the house adjourned until today.

## IS VICIOUS

Sub-Committee Reports on Hazing Probe at Annapolis.

## BROWNSON CENSURED

Present Officers Held Blameless--Graduated Punishment Recommended.

Washington, March 13.—The sub-committee named by the house committee on naval affairs to investigate hazing at Annapolis, made its report to the whole committee today. Rear Admiral Brownson is censured in the report for exacting a pledge from midshipman not to engage in hazing, and for allowing the boys to think the pledge was personal to him and did not hold after Rear Admiral Sands became superintendent. Lieut. C. P. Snyder is also censured mildly for having countenanced hazing.

**Vicious to Expel.**  
Graduated punishment for hazing is recommended by the subcommittee, which is firmly of the opinion the present system of expelling all midshipmen found guilty of hazing is vicious. Admiral Sands and other officers now at the academy are praised for the discipline they are maintaining and the report shows cadet officers have been chiefly responsible for hazing.

## EXPLOSION HEARD 30 MILES AWAY

Twelve Tons of Dynamite Let Go Near Duluth and Many Workmen Are Stunned.

Duluth, Minn., March 13.—Twelve tons of dynamite let go last evening 18 miles west from Duluth on the St. Louis river, and the explosion was plainly heard in this city. Brick buildings vibrated with the shock. Two men were slightly injured. The cause is unknown. The explosion was heard at Hawthorne, Wis., 30 miles distant. The glass in buildings five miles distant was broken and the buildings so shaken that stoves came down and pictures dropped from the walls. The dynamite was owned by the Great Northern Power company, which is developing the water powers of the St. Louis river.

## SPANISH GENERALS RESENT CRITICISM

Nephew of Primo Rivera Knocks Teeth Out of a Deputy.

Madrid, March 13.—As the royal carriage was passing the chamber of deputies a nephew of Gen. Primo Rivera, former commander of the Spanish troops in the Philippines, savagely assaulted Deputy Sogiano for criticizing the act of Spanish generals in Cuba and the Philippines. Sogiano was knocked down and lost two of his teeth.

## BIG YATES CLUB FORMED

Ex-Governor Meets With Enthusiastic Reception in Whiteside.

Sterling, Ill., March 13.—Ex-Gov. Yates' entrance into the Thirty-fifth senatorial district yesterday was marked by three big meetings at Rochelle, Dixon, and this city. He was welcomed here last night by the Sterling military band and the Banda Verde. The surrounding towns sent large delegations and he was given an enthusiastic greeting. The meeting was presided over by N. G. Van Sant, brother of ex-Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota. A Yates club was formed at the conclusion of the address. After the meeting Maj. A. J. Downing, president of the Lee County Yates club, handed the ex-governor the membership roll of 1,500 names.

## STREET CARS COME TOGETHER

One Killed and Several Injured in Accident at Omaha.

Omaha, March 13.—In a collision at South Omaha today between north and south bound street cars an unknown laborer was killed and seven persons all residents of South Omaha injured, six severely.

## DESIRES DIVORCE

Countess Castellane Asks Absolute Divorce From Her Husband.

## WOULD AMEND PROCEEDINGS

Judge Will Require Both Parties to Appear to Make Last Effort for Reconciliation.

Paris, March 13.—The Countess de Castellane, accompanied by a lawyer, today appeared before Judge Ditter and asked permission to amend the proceedings in her application for separation from her husband so the decree will give her absolute divorce. The application asked for a separate domicile and custody of the children pending legal procedure.

**Requires Both to Appear.**  
Judge Ditter, before fully deciding, complied with the usual formality of requiring the husband and wife to appear together for the purpose of interrogating them concerning the possibility of a reconciliation. Their joint appearance before the court will occur in four or five days.

## DIVIDE SWAG WITH CARTER

Greene and Gaynor Alleged to Have Given the Army Captain One-Third.

Savannah, Ga., March 13.—In the Greene and Gaynor cases yesterday E. J. Johnson, expert accountant, explained the government theory of division of money between Greene, Gaynor, and Carter. There were in all 32 divisions of spoils. In the simplest case, Johnson explained, he alleged that Carter disbursed \$39,075. He went to New York, where the \$39,075 was deposited to the account of W. L. Gaynor. On the same day Gaynor withdrew \$13,075 in cash. Two days afterwards Carter bought \$13,000 worth of bonds from Road and Flagg.

## REDUCE DAMAGE CLAIMS

Philippine Catholic Church Cut Off by United States Commission.

Washington, March 13.—The board of church claims in the Philippines has made its report to the war department with the possible view of its submission to congress. The board has considered 1,226 cases in which the Roman Catholic church in the Philippines claimed their churches and convents had suffered damage through their occupation by the troops of the United States for military purposes and for which they ask damages to the extent of about \$2,200,000. The amount awarded is considerably less.

## SHEPARD MUST GO TO JAIL

Grandson of Vanderbilt to Serve Three Months in France.

Paris, March 13.—Elliott P. Shepard, grandson of the late W. H. Vanderbilt, was taken to prison yesterday to serve a term of three months for having run down a girl with his automobile, causing her death. An appeal had been sent to the state department in Washington, D. C., to intervene in behalf of Mr. Shepard, but the state department felt that it had no right to interfere in a case of this kind and let the law take its course.

## NEW CABINET IMPOSSIBLE

Inability to Secure New One Causes Old One to Continue in Service.

Belgrade, March 13.—In consequence of the failure of all attempts to form a new cabinet, the old ministry slightly altered will return to power. Gen. Gruies becomes premier.

## SENATOR DEPEW IS ILL

New York, March 13.—The reported illness of Senator Depew, who has not been in his seat in the senate at Washington for the past two weeks is causing some concern among his friends in this city.

## MEXICAN MINING BAN LIFTED

El Paso, Texas, March 13.—An order has been received at the Mexican consulate here, the effect of which will be to revoke the order previously issued prohibiting Americans from acquiring mining claims in Sonora and lower California.

## FLOOD AT HAMBURG

Hurricane Drives Water Into Harbor--Shipping Disasters Reported.

Hamburg, March 13.—A hurricane is blowing water into the harbor, flooding houses and driving vessels ashore. The country down the Elbe is flooded. Emperor William has given up the proposed trip to Helligoland. Several minor shipping disasters are reported.

## WISCONSIN LAWYER DEAD

Madison, Wis., March 13.—Horace Tenny, a prominent pioneer lawyer and editor of Wisconsin, died this morning, aged 86.

## COMING TO DAVENPORT

The Interstate Commerce Commission to Continue Hearings.

## SHORT AT KANSAS CITY

Effect of Oil Rates in Kansas to Cut Off Independents' Outside Markets.

Kansas City, Mo., March 13.—When the interstate commerce commission resumed the hearing today in the investigation of charges of discrimination in railway rates on oil, it was believed the work at Kansas City would be finished this evening. There were several witnesses remaining to be examined, but it was considered likely their evidence for the most part would be cumulative.

**To Davenport Next.**  
When the commission concludes the hearing here Hugh C. Clements will go to Davenport, Iowa, to investigate other charges of alleged illegal rate making.

**Take Lid Off.**  
Kansas City, Mo., March 31.—The interstate commerce commission took the lid off the Kansas situation yesterday and uncovered a sensational mass of evidence.

The commission learned that the railroads, in their apparent eagerness to assist the Standard Oil company in its work of crushing the independent oil producers of Kansas, charge 57 cents a barrel for shipping crude oil out of the state. The top price of crude oil is 52 cents.

These figures tell the whole story in a nutshell. The Standard Oil company is not injured by the rate of 57 cents a barrel because it has its own pipe lines. The independent oil producers have few, if any, pipe lines. Therefore they are shut out of a market outside of Kansas.

**Producers Start the War.**  
The charges of discrimination were filed by the Kansas Oil Producers' association against the Santa Fe railroad, the Missouri Pacific, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, the St. Louis & San Francisco, the Rock Island, the Union Pacific, the Burlington, and the Kansas City Southern railroads.

## PARTY OF RESCUERS GO DOWN TO DEATH

Seventeen Lives Lost By Men Who Tried to Penetrate French Coal Mine.

Paris, March 13.—Hundreds of funerals are being held today at towns surrounding Courrieries, where the mine disaster of Saturday resulted in the loss of 1,212 lives. The rescue corps of Westphalia recovered 26 more bodies this morning.

Paris, March 13.—An additional disaster following upon the terrible calamity that befell the workers in the coal mine at Courrieries on Saturday has cast its shadow over the stricken town.

A party said to consist of 17 men who went into the mine for the purpose of recovering the bodies of those who perished on Saturday, lost their lives in the undertaking. They had descended in spite of the recognized danger of the attempt and in the face of the engineers' warnings against making a further effort.

A gang of 25 Westphalian miners, who, it is believed, were sent to Courrieries at the express desire of Emperor William, arrived with a special salvage apparatus, but no further work will be permitted until the mines are cleared of gases.

## TWO NEW INCORPORATIONS

Calvary Cemetery Association and South Rock Island Woodmen Hall.

Springfield, Ill., March 13.—(Special).—The secretary of state today issued the following licenses to incorporate:

South Rock Island Woodmen hall, South Rock Island; object, providing a place for lodge meetings; incorporators Frank Fitzpatrick, Peter L. Frenz, Herman E. Schaeve.

Calvary Cemetery association, Rock Island; object, maintaining a cemetery; incorporators, P. H. Kelly, C. M. Johnson, William McClellan.

## CANNOT BREAK OFF NOW AT ALGERIRAS

Berlin, March 13.—The foreign office here says the outlook at Algeriras is so favorable that it is now considered impossible to break off negotiations.